

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 178 - SB 1164**

March 27, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes a three-year pilot project in Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby Counties to create a registry of persons released on recognizance or unsecured appearance bonds. Requires the county agency charged with supervising the pretrial release program to prepare a registry, update it monthly, and make it available in the court clerk's office. Included in the registry will be data detailing the number of defendants released on non-secured release; the number of such defendants who failed to appear for a court date, including monthly totals; and the number of such defendants who have been rearrested. Requires each agency to submit, by February 1, an annual report to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Directs the presiding judge of the judicial district to ensure the county agency complies with the reporting requirements or to suspend the agency from further operation until fully compliant.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The cost of preparing the required register, monthly updates, and annual reports is estimated to be not significant. The county agencies can gather the necessary information from the court clerks. The data can be entered into an excel spreadsheet and maintained on a daily basis.
- Any increase in costs associated with additional responsibilities of the presiding judge is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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